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In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Please cancel Claims 1-35 without prejudice and add new Claims 36-54 as shown in clean form below.<sup>1</sup>**

distributing a portable memory device to a user, said portable memory device comprising an input-output unit, a timer, and a memory configure to store timing data, wherein said portable memory device is configured to interface with a data collection

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